

EXPECT SENATE TO MODIFY RULES OF FILIBUSTER

Washington, March 7.—Unified by national crisis senate probably will alter its ancient rules, while house may organize along virtually coalition lines.

Modified cloture—a change in rules so that a measure cannot be talked to death—is likely to pass the senate. Such alteration as senate sentiment now favors will probably give power to check debate by a two-thirds vote.

Havana.—Direct evidence of Germany's aid to Cuban rebel cause declared to have been uncovered in examination of papers found after the arrest of Dr. Luis Octavio Divino, liberal leader, and two members of Cuban congress. Police say a proclamation signed by revolutionary leaders was found which contained statements that "Germany has promised aid."

St. Paul.—Private P. L. Scharfenberg, Co. L, First Minn. Inf., convicted of treason and sentenced to five years at Leavenworth. He wrote his mother in Germany, ridiculing U. S. army, attacking Pres. Wilson and asserting 10,000,000 Germans in United States would revolt in case of war with Germany and flock to aid of the fatherland.

Attempting to provide Germany with U. S. military information was specific charge against Gopher guardsman. His letter was intercepted by British censors and returned to Washington.

"Pres. Wilson will soon be out of the way, all right," the letter said, but did not explain.

Amsterdam.—Sens. Stone and La Follette lauded by German press as representatives of "the best spirit in America." German press regards filibustering senators' stand as proper in stemming "Wilson's unreasonable ambition" and in voicing sober sentiment of American people "who do not propose to join insanity of

war." Bitter comment made on Pres. Wilson's inaugural address.

Rome.—An "impudent fraud" is what Italian newspapers call Austria's note to U. S.

Washington.—Latest house plan is to distribute committee assignments and even patronage equally between Republicans and Democrats.

St. Louis.—Sen. Wm. J. Stone hard hit in resolutions passed by several Democratic ward organizations. Branded as traitor and asked to give account of his action in not supporting Pres. Wilson's armed neutrality. Each organization endorsed Post-Dispatch editorial which said:

"Lack of cloture rule is not the only flaw in the United States senate. There is another—there is 'Gumshoe Bill' Stone.

"Resignation from chairmanship of the foreign relations committee and from the senate would be the most becoming act of Stone's career."

This is Sen. Stone's home state.

MEN AND WOMEN OUT FOR ALD. MERRIAM AS INDEPENDENT

Men and women residents of the Seventh ward who don't like the intrusion of Fred Lundin-Barney Snow politics into that neighborhood are circulating petitions to run Ald. Merriam as an independent candidate for re-election.

Among those who have been working with the petition are Mrs. J. Paul Goode and R. M. Ashcraft. W. R. Fetzner, the Snow candidate, is protesting against the petitions in letters sent to all registered voters in the ward.

County Judge Scully today granted the Merriam forces a recount. It will start tomorrow morning in the election commissioners' office at 10 o'clock.

Copenhagen.—The Frederick VIII, bearing former German Ambassador von Bernstorff, expected to reach here Saturday.